

The university community joins together to give praise and thanks to those graduates who have demonstrated excellence during their years here.

The Thomas More Storke Award for Excellence,

symbolized by a bronze medal forged by Francis Minturn Sedgwick, is given to the graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship and extraordinary service to the university, its students, and the community. This year this distinction is awarded to:

Ebelechukwu Veronica Eseka



Storke Committee Honorable Mention
Michaela Allen & Carolina Ramirez Moreno



The Jeremy D. Friedman Memorial Award

is presented in grateful recognition of outstanding leadership, scholastic excellence, and innovative contribution to student and community life at the University of California, Santa Barbara, in memory of Jeremy D. Friedman, undergraduate 1979-83. This year's recipient is

Adalis Yamilet Rojas

Alyce Marita Whitted Memorial Award

This award, established in 1993, is presented to one non-traditional graduating senior who has demonstrated endurance, persistence, and courage in the face of extraordinary challenges while in pursuit of an academic degree. This year's recipient is:

Amanda J May

Yonie Harris Award for Civility in Public Discourse

is presented to graduates who best exemplify the principles of free speech and respectful dialogue and who foster a campus climate of civility and open-mindedness. This year's recipients are:

Tianna White & Essence M Wynter

Michael D. Young Engaged Scholar Award

This award recognized the legacy of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Emeritus, Michael D. Young, particularly his commitment to empowering students toward principled leadership. It is awarded to students who have skillfully integrated their scholarly knowledge and/or values into action. This year's recipient is:

Eric Xavier Palacios

University Award of Distinction

The following seniors and graduate students have been selected as recipients of this year's University Award of Distinction, given to students who have contributed greatly to the quality of life by giving unselfish service to others within a particular area.

Dawit Aboye	Kathryn Denise Casantusan	Rachel Hildebrand	Caroline E. Reilly	Norman Justin Sween
Paul Alessio	Benjamin Chocron	Luis Angel Larios	Alia Sky Reynolds	Chinmay Manish Vaidya
Marcela Areyano	George D Degen	Joel Medina	Dillon Ruddell	Anastasia Carolyn Veal
April Beath	Shriya Deshpande	Madeline Peng Miller	Mia Jaclyn Salas	Mary Warmbier
Ulises Bucio	Andrew Fealy	Kai Morquecho	Alyssa Nicole Tanig Sanjongco	Andrew Yan
Balfred Carrillo Martinez	Ector Flores-Garcia	Allyson Randall	Abel Semma	Wendy Zanker

University Service Award

The following seniors and graduate students have been selected as recipients of this year's University Service Award, given in recognition of unselfish and dedicated service to the University, its students, and the community.

Zenaida Alcantar	Cheryl Nicole Chui	Isabella Liu	Gabriel Reyes	Tania R. Torres
Michaela Allen	Natalia Diaz Amabilis	Arzoo Manandhar	Liseth Santos-Solano	Lea Mojan Toubian
Pamela Yafte Cardenas	Jeremy A. Edwards	Dominique Mihajevic	Jocelyn Nicole Tapia	Francis Vergara
Julia Rose Chin	Juanita Uchechi Iheanacho	Kiyomi Morrison	Madison Tilner	Erfan Zeyaei Kajbaf

Carolina Ramirez Moreno

Vice Chancellor's Award for Scholarship, Leadership, and Citizenship

This award is presented annually to one or more graduating seniors and graduate students who embrace the principles of scholarship, leadership, and citizenship — through activities that enhance UCSB's academic environment, contributions to a consequential project, or extraordinary service to the campus community.

Aryn Amezcua
Amiya Dutta

Jorge Jimenez Mejia
Emma Mesches

Brian Woobin Mo
Cassidy E. Schells

Mortar Board Award

The Mortar Board Award is given each year in recognition of the graduating senior having the highest cumulative grade point average in the graduating class, combined with the fewest number of transfer units. This year's recipient is to be announced at the ceremony.

Award winners, their families, & interested faculty & staff are invited to attend the Virtual University Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 3:00pm.